



# CONSTITUTION OF STUDENTS' SOCIETY OF HACKERS AT MCGILL UNIVERSITY

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## **1** Article I: Name

**1.1** Students' Society of Hackers at McGill University (SSHMU) also referred to hereinafter as the Club.

## **2** Article II: Mandate

**2.1** The Club's mandate shall be to

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- Raise awareness on campus about the benefits of hacking and hacker culture.
- Create a forum for discussion for those interested in hacking and discussions about hacker culture.
- Give members information about inclusivity in hacker culture and promote an inclusive culture for hacking.
- Plan and facilitate McGill's major hackathon, McHacks, on a yearly basis.
- Raise the necessary funding in order to run McHacks.

## **2.2** Code of Conduct

### **2.2.1**

The Club shall carry forth its mandate from an anti-oppressive and equitable standpoint AND equal respect shall be given to all members, including those of disadvantaged backgrounds, regardless of but not limited to gender, age, race, ethnic or national origin, religion, sexuality or sexual orientation, mental or physical abilities, language, or social class.

**2.2.1.1** No member shall make personal profit from the club

**2.2.2** Any executive member who fails to fulfill their responsibilities shall be subject to the expulsion procedure outlined in this constitution

## **2.3** Student Group Civility

**2.3.1** The club will maintain cordial and respectful relations with all other clubs, services and independent student groups

**2.3.2** The club will not use SSMU resources and/or their club status to prevent other clubs, services or independent student groups from fulfilling their mandate, including but not limited to their acquisition of resources and pursuit of activities.

**2.3.3** If problems arise between groups, a member of the executive committee and/or collective of the club shall be responsible for contacting the SSMU Vice President of Clubs and Services and attempt to remedy the problem in a collegial fashion.

## **2.4** Environment



- 2.4.1 The club shall make attempts to regularly monitor the environmental impact of all its events and operations
  - 2.4.1.1 Clubs must attempt to utilize the services and resources available at SSMU in order to maximize capacities for equitable decision-making and environmental stewardship. These include but are not limited to the use of the plate club, green events guide, applications for the SSMU Green fund, assistance of the SSMU environment commissioners, environment committee and green events coordinators
  - 2.4.2 The club must attempt to find sustainable alternatives to the non-recyclable #6 plastic, effective waste management, providing vegan and vegetarian options, purchasing clothing which is ethically sourced and environmentally-friendly, purchasing local and sustainable alcohol, fair trade coffee and tea, and local and/or organic foods.
- 3 Article III: Membership
  - 3.1 Membership for a club under the Students' Society of McGill University is open to all SSMU and PGSS members, including those of disadvantaged backgrounds, regardless of but not limited to gender, age, race, ethnic or national origin, religion, sexuality or sexual orientation, mental or physical abilities, language, or social class.
  - 3.2 Only Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU) and Post Graduate Students' Society (PGSS) members are eligible to be elected as officers and to hold voting privileges.
  - 3.3 Associated non-voting membership is open to all others.
- 4 Article IV: Executive Committee
  - 4.1 The Executive Committee (EC) shall administer the Club and oversee its events.
  - 4.2 The EC is composed of the following five portfolios:
    - 1. President
    - 2. Vice President Sponsorship & Finance
    - 3. Vice President Logistics
    - 4. Vice President Administration
    - 5. Vice President Communication
  - 4.3 The EC shall meet as frequently as it deems fit.
  - 4.4 At least three of the five EC members must be present at an EC meeting in order for quorum to be met and for the meeting to proceed.
  - 4.5 The Executive Committee may also be referred to as HackBoard
- 5 Article V: Portfolios
  - 5.1 The President shall:
    - 5.1.1 Be the chief executive officer, chief representative, and chief spokesperson of the Club.
    - 5.1.2 Oversee all aspects of the club.



- 5.1.3 Be the main point of contact between the SSMU VP Clubs and Services and the club
  - 5.1.4 Ensure the smooth running of the Club as a whole through facilitation of, and mediation with, the various EC portfolios with a vision that is consistent with the Club mandate.
  - 5.1.5 Chair all EC meetings.
  - 5.1.6 May cast the deciding vote in the event of a EC deadlock
  - 5.1.7 Ensure that the Club is abiding by the Constitution, By-laws and Policies of the Students' Society of McGill University
  - 5.1.8 Be a signing officer on the Club's bank account along with the Vice President Sponsorship & Finance.
- 5.2. The Vice President Sponsorship & Finance shall:
- 5.2.1 Be responsible for acquiring sponsors for the organization and its events.
  - 5.2.2 Oversee and coordinate funding for the programming activities and events of the club.
  - 5.2.3 Be a signing officer on the Club's bank account along with the President.
  - 5.2.4 Sign all financial transactions.
  - 5.2.5 Ensure the funding and financial stability of the club.
  - 5.2.6 Keep track of all financial transactions and receipts in order to prepare the biyearly audits for the SSMU.
- 5.3 The Vice President Administration shall:
- 5.3.1 Be responsible for communication within the EC and with the Students' Society of McGill University.
  - 5.3.2 Maintain the membership list of the club.
  - 5.3.3 Oversee and coordinate the programming activities and events of the club.
- 5.4 The Vice President Logistics shall:
- 5.4.1 Oversee logistics for all events.
  - 5.4.2 Deal with room bookings for events and meetings.
  - 5.4.3 Order merchandise for our members and events.
- 5.5 The Vice President Communications shall:
- 5.5.1 Take minutes at EC and general meetings, and ensure proper distribution of all minutes to the members.
  - 5.5.2 Draft emails as appropriate and create all communications to be sent to news organizations, members, and the public.
- 6 Article VI: Fees
- 6.1 The Club will not collect any fees for yearly membership.
- 7 Article VII: Finances



- 7.1 The Executive Committee or Collective shall examine the financial records, and prepare an audit, complete with records of all transactions and receipts, to be submitted to the SSMU at the end of each semester.
- 7.2 All club bank accounts must be kept at Scotiabank as subsections of the SSMU account
  - 7.2.1 Each account must have a minimum of two and maximum of three signing officers
  - 7.2.2 In order to receive funding of any kind from the SSMU, the club must have a Scotiabank account
- 8 Article VIII: Meetings
  - 8.1 Weekly meetings will be held with the executives of the club.
  - 8.2 The purpose of the meetings will be to plan the events of the club.
- 9 Article IX: Electoral Procedures  
This can be designed as you wish. Sample:
  - 9.1 Each year there will be an application open to all McGill students to apply to join the executive committee.
  - 9.4 The outgoing executive committee may reapply to the executive committee
  - 9.5 There will be a selection process consisting of an interview for selected applicants.
- 10 Article X: Affiliations
  - 10.1 The Club shall not be affiliated with other organizations.
- 11 Article XI: Constitutional Amendment Procedure
  - 11.1 Any member of the club may propose an amendment to the Constitution.
  - 11.2 In order to amend the constitution consensus on the proposed amendment must be reached at a General Meeting
  - 11.3 All amendments shall be submitted to the Interest Group Coordinator, will be reviewed by the Interest Group Committee and ratified by the SSMU council before they take effect.
- 12 Article XII: Bylaws and Policies
  - 12.1 The club shall create and maintain bylaws that cover the operations of the club which are not specified in the Constitution.
  - 12.2 The club's bylaws shall not contravene the Constitution.
  - 12.3 The club by laws must be available to any member of the SSMU when and if requested.
- 13 Article XIII: SSMU Constitution, By-Laws and Policies
  - 13.1 In case of any inconsistencies between the Club Constitution and the SSMU Constitution and By-Laws, the SSMU Constitution By-Laws and Policies shall take effect.
  - 13.2 If there are any areas not covered in this Constitution, the SSMU Constitution, By-Laws and Policies shall take effect.